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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
October 14, 2014

On Tuesday October 14, 2014, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Smith County, Texas, met for a regular meeting in the Smith County Commissioners Courtroom at the Smith County Courthouse Annex, 200 East Ferguson, in the City of Tyler, Texas.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Joel P. Baker, County Judge, called the meeting to order with members present:

County Judge: Joel P. Baker	Presiding
Commissioner: Precinct 1 Jeff Warr	Present
Commissioner: Precinct 2 Cary Nix	Present
Commissioner: Precinct 3 Terry Phillips	Present
Commissioner: Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton	Present

II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Cary Nix led the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF TEXAS

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – 9:30 a.m.

1. John Soules Foods Reinvestment Zone.

Commissioners Court went to agenda item number 1 to receive public input regarding the renewal of John Soules Foods Reinvestment Zone.

Public Comment: Mr. Tom Mullins. Public participation forms attached.

2. Tyler Pipe Reinvestment Zone.

Commissioners Court went to agenda item number 2 to receive public input regarding the renewal of Tyler Pipe Reinvestment Zone.

Public Comment: Mr. Tom Mullins. Public participation forms attached.

VI. OPEN SESSION

3. Renewal: John Soules Food Reinvestment Zone

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to approve the renewal of John Soules Foods Reinvestment Zone.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

4. Renewal: Tyler Pipe Reinvestment Zone

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to approve the renewal of Tyler Pipe Reinvestment Zone.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

5. Resolution: Charles “Chuck” Pappas, Jr. Day

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to adopt a resolution proclaiming October 18, 2014, as Charles “Chuck” Pappas, Jr. Day. Resolution attached.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

6. Resolution: National 4-H Week in Smith County

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to ratify a resolution proclaiming October 5-11 as National 4-H Week in Smith County.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

7. Bids: Struck-off Properties

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to ratify a resolution supporting approval of the bids for the sale of struck-off properties and authorize the County Judge to sign papers pertaining to the sale.

a) Cause No. 22,134-C

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

8. Tax Office: Cash Drawers

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to approve a request from the Tax Assessor – Collector to increase to three cash drawers with an amount of \$200.00 per drawer to be paid for from the tax office budget.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

9. Contract: Sheriff's Office Vehicles

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to approve contract with Bancorp for the lease/purchase of 17 Sheriff's Office vehicles and allow County Judge to sign appropriate documents.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

10. Appointment(s): Smith County Health Authority Board of Directors

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to reappoint Linda Isabell, R.N., to Smith County Health Authority Board of Directors and authorize County Judge to sign related documentation.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

11. Interlocal Agreement: Scofflaw Pilot Program.

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to approve interlocal agreement for Scofflaw Pilot Program.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

12. Commissioners Court Meetings and Procedures

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to approve modifications to the rules of procedure, conduct and decorum governing Commissioners Court meetings and procedures that include the addition of wording in the public comment section of the agenda, contingent on final review by Legal Counsel.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

13. Standard Letters of Agreement: Dredged Materials

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to ratify standard letters of agreement for disposal of dredged materials. Copies attached.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

14. Payment of Accounts

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to approve and/or ratify payment of accounts, bills, payroll, and transfer of funds, amendments, and health claims. Copies attached.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

15. Jail Projects Update and Recommendation(s)

a) Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to approve change order request (COR) #054, #053, #059, and #055 in the amount of \$11,377.00 for updates to the jail project construction.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

b) Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to approve COR #047 in the amount of \$11,606.00 to install seats for handicapped in the day room. Copy attached.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

16. Report: Smith County Jail Status and Related Information

\$20,229,734 Expenditure to date (Contract Housing)

\$19,830 Expenditure Budget Year 14/15 (Contract Housing)

675 Total Population, 538 Male, 137 Female

631 in Smith County Jail and 44 transferred to other Counties.

17 Federal Prisoners, 20 scheduled to TDC, 51 papers ready.

27 Parole violations and 34 Parole violations with other charges.

64 Total child support cases, 33 non-payment of child support and

31 non-payment of child support with other charges.

Average stay for non-payment of child support: 68 days.

21 open jailer positions

Smith County Jail Population Summary attached. No action necessary.

Commissioners Court recessed Open Session at 10:21 a.m. and went into Closed Session.

VII. CLOSED SESSION: To consult, receive, and seek advice from attorney pursuant to Section 551.071 and 551.076 of the Texas Government Code.

17. Receive legal update briefing and seek legal advice regarding pending legal matters.

18. Discuss personnel matters, including but not limited to employment and duties of departments supervised by the Smith County Commissioners Court.

Commissioners Court recessed Closed Session at 11:22 a.m. and went directly into Open Session.

VIII. OPEN SESSION

19. Legal Matters

Commissioners Court took no action on agenda item 19 to consider action regarding pending legal cases, including but not limited to matters placed with outside counsel.

20. Personnel: Employment / Duties of Departments

a) Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to amend the salary plan for the Purchasing Director position, with step 1 to begin at \$65,000.00 annually, step 2 at \$70,000.00 annually, and step 3 at \$75,000.00 annually and transfer funds to cover the change.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

b) Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to authorize the County Judge to sign the renewal contract for the organ transplant policy. Copy attached.

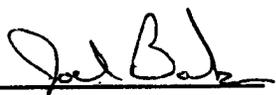
Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

c) Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to authorize the County Judge to sign the contract for Block Vision Group.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

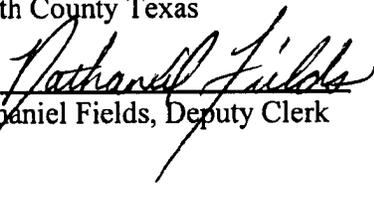
IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Judge Joel P. Baker

Approved: 
Chairperson Commissioners Court



ATTESTED:
Karen Phillips, County Clerk
Smith County Texas

By: 
Nathaniel Fields, Deputy Clerk

